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## TELEGRAMS.

### THE BALKAN WAR.

#### A CONFERENCE SENSATION.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 20. A momentary sensation was created when the Turkish delegates were seen hurrying alone from the Conference after an hour's sitting, but it was quickly announced that the Conference had been adjourned to Saturday because the Turkish instructions had not been received; they are coming by special courier.

#### TURKS AND GREEKS.

Later. It is stated in Constantinople that the Porte has directed the Peace delegates to agree to negotiations with Greece, without the latter signing the armistice.

#### NO ARGUMENT.

Reuter's Agency understands that the peace terms have been carefully drawn up, and that the Allies are not prepared for bargaining: the terms must be accepted or rejected as they stand.

The delegates of the Allies are working in perfect harmony. There is a certain amount of pessimism regarding the question of Adrianople, the Allies insisting on possession thereof.

#### THE EUROPEAN SITUATION.

The feeling regarding the European situation is more optimistic. There are already good results from the conversations of the Ambassadors, though there will be cause for apprehension if the Peace Conference is unsuccessful. The chief anxiety of the diplomats is in connection with Adrianople, on which both Turkey and the Allies are equally firm.

#### SERVIA AND AUSTRIA.

The Servian Premier in an interview is reported as saying: "We have attempted vainly to reach an understanding with Austria regarding a port on the Adriatic. We now leave the decision to the Powers."

#### CHRISTIANS MASSACRED.

The Turks have massacred a number of Christians in Mytilene. The Greeks are pursuing the Turks after a battle in the village of Petris.

#### KING FERNAND.

King Ferdinand, who is touring in Thrace and Macedonia, has arrived at Saloniki where he has been photographed with King George of Greece. King Ferdinand said his visit was merely a tourist.

#### TURKISH LOSSES.

An Athens telegram states that the Turkish Admiral Halil Pasha, and four officers, were killed on board the flagship during the fight in the Dardanelles on the 16th inst. The battleship was practically destroyed and the three other Turkish ships were severely damaged.

Lloyd's Agent at Port Said reports that part of the Turkish fleet was forced to run ashore near the Dardanelles, owing to damage sustained in the fight with the Greek fleet.

LUNCHEON TO DELEGATES. Later. The luncheon given by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House to the Peace delegates was attended by a brilliant assemblage.

Mr. Asquith, in the course of a speech, emphasised that he was not ashamed to call himself an optimist.

The various delegates made complimentary speeches, in which they expressed themselves as hopeful of the success of the mission.

#### TWO POINTS SETTLED.

It is officially announced that the conference of Ambassadors has recommended to the Governments of the Great Powers the granting of autonomy to Albania with provisions guaranteeing Servia commercial access to the Adriatic; and that the Governments have agreed in principle to both points.

## TELEGRAMS.

### THE BRIDGEMAN AFFAIR.

#### STRONG WORDS.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 20.

Upon a motion to adjourn the House of Commons in order that the Bridgeman affair might be discussed, Lord Charles Beresford said Vice-Admiral Bridgeman was notoriously unfriendly with him and objected to him (Lord Charles Beresford) being an Admiral of the Fleet. He (the speaker) took up the case because a most anxious feeling prevailed in the Fleet at Mr. Churchill's methods, he having already dismissed four Sea Lords. He asked whether Vice-Admiral Bridgeman was offered the Cross of the Order of the Bath or elevation as Admiral of the Fleet if he kept silent on Mr. Churchill's policy, which was one of bribes and threats, while he assumed both executive and administrative functions and even took charge during the manoeuvres.

#### A HEATED REPLY.

Mr. Churchill replied with some heat. He said Lord Charles Beresford had made a number of most gross insinuations, hoping to disquiet the public mind. He reiterated that Vice-Admiral Bridgeman's resignation was due to health alone, and said he knew of no differences on expert matters apart from the ordinary discussions between his colleagues. He had no recollection of his threatening to resign, and repeated that Vice-Admiral Bridgeman, with the highest zeal, exhausted himself in his duties. He wrote to his colleagues on November 25th saying he was depressed about his health after two attacks of bronchitis in two months on top of appendicitis. Mr. Churchill added that he felt that he would not be doing his duty to keep Vice-Admiral Bridgeman at the helm in these serious times, and he was satisfied that he had consulted the highest interests of the Navy and only done his duty.

Mr. Bonar Law said he understood that Vice-Admiral Bridgeman quite recently threatened to resign if Mr. Churchill insisted on carrying out his views. Mr. Churchill replied—He never made such a statement to me.

## DISENDOWMENT.

#### A NARROW MAJORITY.

London, December 20.

A Unionist amendment to the Disendowment proposal of the Welsh Church Bill was defeated by a majority of 55, some Liberals voting with the minority.

### THE LATE MR GEORGE PAYNE.

It will be learned with regret, says the "Shanghai Mercury," that Mr. Geo. Payne, of Messrs S. Moutrin & Company, who only returned from home a little over a week ago, died at the General Hospital Shanghai on the 15th inst. The deceased, who leaves a widow to mourn his loss, was extremely popular and had hosts of friends. He joined Messrs Montrio and Co. in February, 1902, coming from the works of Messrs. John Brinmead & Sons, London. On arriving here he took up the duties of pianoforte tuner, and for some years was in charge of the company's factory, his brother being the company's manager at Hongkong. The deceased, who had been in ill health, went home last April and having recovered to great extent decided to return to Shanghai and arrived here just a week ago. He was taken to hospital from the steamer, but nothing could be done for him. Great sympathy is felt for his beloved widow.

## TELEGRAMS.

### FOOD TAXES.

#### THE UNIONIST DISSENSIONS.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 20.

The Liberal newspapers are still making a prominent feature of the dissensions in the Unionist Party on the subject of food taxes.

#### A FEATURE OF AN ARTICLE IN THE "LIVERPOOL COURIER."

is a statement which declares that the Unionist party is drifting to destruction, and demanding that a Conference should be called in London, Lancashire or Yorkshire of the leaders on the subject of the Referendum.

#### AUSTRALIAN VIEWS.

Messages from Australian politicians on the subject of Mr. Bonar Law's suggestion of a Colonial Conference are published.

Mr. Andrew Fisher (Prime Minister) says: "There is insufficient interest here for the suggestion to be treated too seriously."

Mr. Deakin says: "Comment at this distance would be premature."

#### A SUPLICION.

The "Times" publishes long dispatches from its Canadian Australian and New Zealand correspondents on the subject of Mr. Bonar Law's pronouncement. These show that there is a general agreement that each part of the Empire must settle its fiscal policy for itself. In Canada it is recognised that the Unionist leaders have shifted their position and there is a suspicion that their chief motive is to escape domestic difficulties.

#### PRESS AND CHRISTMAS.

London, December 20.

For the first time in the history of the Press, no newspaper will be published in London on Christmas Day.

## CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, 22nd December, 4th Sunday in Advent, Holy Communion (8.15 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses, Ferit; Venite, Dyce; Psalms, Crotch; Benedicite, Hopkins, Elvey, Hopkins; Benedicte, Langdon; Hymns, 353, 193, and 50. Evensong (5.45 p.m.) Full Choir. Response, Ferit; Psalms, of the 22nd evening; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis; Wesley in F; Anthem, "It is high time"; Barnby; Hymns, 52 and 49. Sevenfold Amen.

St. Peter's Church, West Point, Sunday, December 22nd, 1912.

Morning Prayer and Sermon 11 a.m. Singing of Christmas Carols 6 p.m. Holy Communion 7.15 p.m. Gospel Meeting at Seamen's Institute 8 p.m.—Christmas Day.

Morning Prayer and Sermon 11 a.m.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Praeche, Rev. C. H. Hickling

11 a.m. Worship, Hymns 605,

510, 545, and 534; Anthem, Sub-

ject "The Child and the Man,"

4 p.m. Children's Service, 5.30

p.m. Singing at choice, 6 p.m.

Worship, Hymns 339, 334, and

335. Christmas Carols, Subject,

Last Four Things, Heaven."

## TELEGRAMS.

### GERMAN AEROPLANES.

#### NATIONAL SUBSCRIPTION.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 20.

A total of £350,000 sterling has been subscribed towards the German National Aeroplane Fund.

#### SERVICE FOR MEN.

Eloquent Sermon by Bishop Taylor Smith.

The best way to make the most of life, according to the Right Rev. Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain General to the Forces, who preached at a large congregation of men in St. John's Cathedral last evening, is to obtain a closer knowledge of God. That in effect was the whole tenor of a very eloquent sermon that the Rev. gentleman preached at a service that was exceedingly well attended. The singing was led by a male choir and the service was conducted by the Chaplain to the Cathedral, the Rev. V.H.C. Moyle, Bishop Lander giving the benediction at the close. There was also a good number of other clergy present.

Speaking without a text, the Bishop remarked that there was nothing more sad than a broken friendship, as set out in the early pages of the Bible, a broken friendship that found an echo in every human heart and was the direct outcome of sin. Sin, he said, was not only the forerunner of suffering but it was also that which separated. They had examples of it on every side—man and wife, master and servant, employer and employee, sin and separation—those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder. Life was once worth living.

Dealing with the temptations of men, the preacher went on to say that while at Home public opinion and the thought of what sin would bring to his family warned him that it was banished almost impossible because of the influence of herath and home, when the Suez Canal was passed there seemed to be a new atmosphere for men to breathe.

There was a new code of morals; as if that had changed, and man was shut out of his own happiness.

After dwelling on the sin of intemperance the Bishop said "the time will come when the angel will not ask whether you are high-born or low-born, but whether you are new-born." He knew that men found it difficult to think of the divinity of Christ.

He told a story of how he pointed it out to a stockbroker, and said that one had to live with a man to know him, but in the Bible they had four men living with Christ and what was the verdict? They said "Never man spake like this man." He went about doing good, blessing little children, lifting up fallen women, encouraging men to be true to their purpose of his life, being good. That was Christ's record of manliness.

The preacher went on to speak of a man's rightitude of living and remarked "You busy men of Hongkong ask Him to look into your ledger and what He cannot smile upon, what He cannot bless, clear it out of your books." He was glad to hear that they were about to start a new branch of the Church of England's Men's Society, a civilian branch.

He asked them to be careful not to take anybody in, except only those prayerful men who were prepared to do the small duty that membership imposed on them—to pray for each other daily. The Society, he claimed, was one of the largest forces in the Church of England at home.

Bangkok.—Regular liners are well employed, rates having advanced to 35 cents "liner terms."

There is some enquiry after "outside" tonnage, but no business seems to have been done up to the time of writing.

Dalny/Canton:—After the closing of Newchwang, regular liners have been chartered to load from Dalny and Chefoo to Canton, usual part-cargoes at 31 cents per picul.

Chinese in America.—A recent observer of conditions in China, writing to an American paper, says that the effect upon Chinese life and character exercised by the Chinese, who have lived or who now live in America, is difficult to measure. It is steadily and not very slowly altering the whole situation. It is easy to understand how this movement, when once it has got under way, will spread in an ever-widening circle. Perhaps nothing has occurred in recent years that has had so far-reaching an effect upon the history of mankind than the coming of the Chinese to America.

## TELEGRAMS.

### CAPE-CAIRO RAILWAY.

#### BOUNDARY REVISION.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 20.

The "Daily Express" states that the revision of the boundaries of British East Africa and the Belgian Congo will be announced shortly. It gives British East Africa a strip 60 by 30 miles west of the Mombasa mountains, thus preparing the way for the completion of the Cape to Cairo railway.

#### INSURANCE ACT.

#### THE DOCTORS' DECISION.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 20.

The voting of the doctors upon the question of accepting Mr. Lloyd George's final offer to work under the Insurance Act has been concluded, and the result is 11,309 against and 2,422 in

## TELEGRAMS.

### MR. WHITELAW REID.

#### ABBEY MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Reuter's [Service to the "Telegraph."] London, December 20.

An impressive memorial service to the late Mr. Whitelaw Reid, U.S. Ambassador, was held in Westminster Abbey. On the coffin were wreaths sent by Their Majesties the King and Queen.

The congregation was composed of a most brilliant assembly, including members of the Cabinet, members of the House of Lords and of the House of Commons.

Prince Arthur of Connaught represented the King.

## TELEGRAMS.

### NEWS FOR BUSY MEN.

#### TELEGRAMS.

#### THE NEWS CONDENSED.

A massacre of Christians by the Turks is reported from Mytilene.

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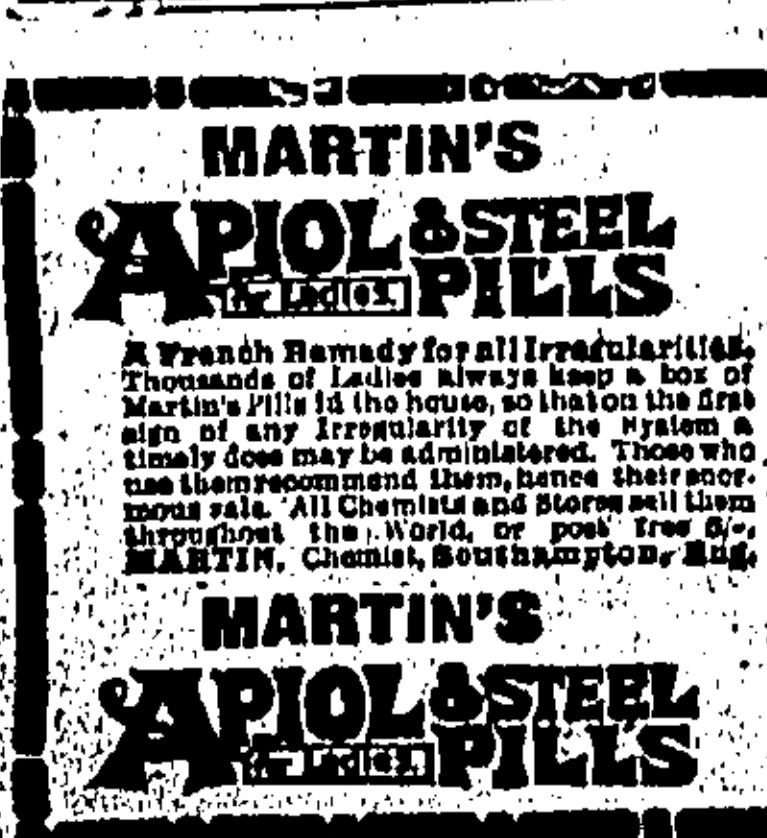


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South China Morning Post.

At Last!  
We are pleased to note that the proposed Hongkong installation is to be on the market for open tender. The uses of wireless and its capacity for work are growing daily, and there are very evident signs that, possibly within the next two or three years, wireless systems will be cheaper in operation than cables. Gradually the faults attached to wireless are being eliminated, and we may eventually hope to see them, save in very extreme circumstances, obviated altogether. The advent of wireless will be welcomed in this colony not only as a convenience to the vast volume of shipping which frequents the port but because in course of time an efficient service and competition with the cable companies will tend to cheapen telegraphic charges. These charges have been and are still a severe handicap to the promotion of business.

China Mail.

The Boycott and the Ordinance. The more we ponder over the present boycott, the more are we inclined to come back to our original view, expressed in this column some little time ago, namely, that the Chinese opposition or boycott of the cars is merely a spontaneous expression of their disapproval of the Tramway Company's action and that there is no real organization behind it. Some people apparently find a certain fascination in looking for all sorts of out-of-the-way reason for the continuance of the fix in which the Tramway Company find themselves, and make confusion worse confounded by their conjectures on political intrigues emanating from Canton, the Machiavellian machinations of unscrupulous guilds, wily informants and so forth; while, who knows? the real reason of all the trouble lies in the direction of no such subtleties but is more likely to be found on consideration of obvious facts. If our view is correct, and we are more than ever convinced that it is, what is the remedy? So long as there is no disorder, the Boycott Ordinance remains inoperative; but that will not put the Tramway Company out of their present trouble.

Daily Press.

Chinese Policy.

It would seem, from the latest news of the renewed negotiations between the Chinese Government and the Sextuple Financial Group, that a loan of twenty-five millions sterling is in a fair way of being arranged on a basis mutually satisfactory to all concerned, excepting, perhaps, Mr. Crisp. The fact is the more interesting in view of a very lengthy telegram sent a fortnight ago to the President by Dr. Sun Yat-sen. According to the précis of the telegram which appeared in the Chinese Press at the time, Dr. Sun Yat-sen was represented as counselling the President to enter upon hostilities against Russia and to make a large issue of Government paper money in order to supply "the snows of war." The report was so palpably absurd that we regarded it as pure invention carefully calculated to feed the war fever from which the Cantonese especially appeared to be suffering so badly. We now learn that Dr. Sun Yat-sen did in fact offer advice on the subject to the President in a telegram running to many thousands of words, but the message scarcely bears the construction given to it by the précis that came under our notice a fortnight ago. The sum and substance of Dr. Sun's lengthy message is: "Make your financial arrangements first, and then fight Russia, if necessary, to assert China's sovereignty in Mongolia." If this is the policy to be preached by the principal leaders of public opinion in China, it can only serve to make the Sextuple Group all the more cautious concerning the terms upon which they advance money to China.

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## GENERAL NEWS.

**Consular Appointments.**  
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**Bishop Brindle's Jubilee.**

The golden jubilee of the priesthood of Mgr. Brindle, D.S.O., the Roman Catholic Bishop of Nottingham, falls on December 27, and arrangements are being made in the diocese to celebrate the occasion in a suitable manner a few days later. It will be remembered that the Bishop saw a good deal of war service as an Army chaplain. He has, in addition to the D.S.O., the British medals for the Sudan and Egyptian campaigns, the Egyptian medal for Egypt and the Sudan, the Egyptian bronze star, the 4th Class of the Osmaniah, and the 3rd Class of the Medjidieh.

**Synthetic Rubber.**

At the third day's session of the South Indian Association on December 2, Dr. J. L. Simonson, Professor of Chemistry at the Presidency College, Madras, delivered an interesting lecture on "The Production of Synthetic Rubber." In conclusion, he said:—"Our knowledge of the chemistry of the coagulation of latex is very small, yet if we desire a uniform product, this process is the first which must be carefully studied. The problems still to be investigated are legion, and the money spent on research will be repaid many times over. Without research, the future for plantation rubber will be very black." Mr. W. Erlam Smith, Professor of Chemistry in the Presidency College, said that rubber seeds had a great future in Ceylon, and that they were a paying part of the rubber-planting industry.

**Indian Public Services' Commission.**

The first meeting of the Indian Public Services Commission will be held in Madras on or about Dec. 29, and the taking of evidence will begin on or about January 8. Mr. Russell Scott, of the Admiralty, has been appointed Joint Secretary of the Commission, and since the end of October has been associated with his colleague, Mr. Montagu Butler, I.C.S., Deputy-Secretary to the Government of India, in the Home Department, in working out preliminary details at the India Office. Lord Islington, the Chairman of the Commission, will arrive in Madras in the last week of the year.

**Signatures to the Ulster Covenant.**

The following summary of the number of signatures to the Ulster Covenant was issued in Ireland last month:—Number of signatures in Ulster, men, 211,200; women, 228,991; number of signatures in other places—men, 10,162; women, 5,055—total, men, 237,368; women, 234,046. Total number of men and women (over the age of 16 years) being Ulster-born and loyal subjects of his Gracious Majesty King George V., who have pledged themselves in solemn covenant to stand by one another in defending their cherished position of equal citizenship in the United Kingdom—471,414.

**Death of Mrs. Thomas Hardy.**

Mrs. Hardy, wife of Mr. Thomas Hardy, died at Dorchester, on November 27. She had been failing for some time, but her illness was not regarded seriously, and the end was quite unexpected.

**Lane, Crawford & Co.**

Mrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. have so much display area at their disposal that it is by no means easy to give anything but a general idea of what this enterprising firm is offering to the public. In one window the effigy of Cardinal Wolsey calls attention to the fact that Wolseys for underwear can be bought inside, while adjacent to it there is a show of gloves to suit all tastes from the very fashionable yellow to the quiet suede and browns. Every man likes fancy waistcoat but opinions differ considerably as to pattern. Messrs. Lane, Crawford show a selection which hints that

## ROUND THE SHOPS.

The Christmas Displays Described.

All the shop windows have now assumed the attire suitable to the festive season, and the results are well worth seeing. The notes which follow give, in compact form, hints as to the leading lines stocked by the various firms and especially suited to the season. They should be found useful by our readers.

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So successfully do the Dairy Farm Ltd., advertise, that it is practically safe to assert, that had they no shop premises, they would not suffer much. The fact that they have one of the cleanest and freshest looking stores in the City is a clear indication of the care devoted to the goods that they sell. Hams, in nice white cloths, may be seen, of a quality which is the hallmark of the firm's reputation, bacon of undisputed excellence, German sausages of all kinds, prepared under expert supervision, and all the savouries required for the average as well as the best table can be had at very satisfactory prices. As for butter and cheese, the quality of these commodities is so well known that further mention of them would be superfluous.

**A. S. WATSON & CO.**

The large shop display of Messrs. A. S. Watson and Co. is always well worth a visit, and more so at Christmas time. A special feature is undoubtedly the window containing the familiar globular green bottles of "Ye Old English Lavender Water," a perfume which is known in many parts of the world and widely appreciated. Of course other perfumes are also shown but special attention should be paid to the Lavender. Tobacco in all its many and pleasing forms may be found in the adjacent window where the sorried rows of vari-coloured tins draw the eye of the passer-by to the varieties of tobacco that are supplied by the firm.

**WILLIAM POWELL AND CO.**

During Christmas week Messrs. William Powell and Co. are keeping their premises open until six o'clock, and the windows will be especially illuminated so that the splendidly arranged goods can be seen to advantage. In the right-hand window there is a fine array of presents suitable for adults, and their usefulness shows that the selection of presents has not been made haphazard, and that the staff has given plenty of thought to the setting out of the window. In the left-hand window all the wonders of the dreamland of children are exhibited, and, as the babies gaze into the dazzling collection, no adult mind will be capable of picturing the effect on the infant mind. The children of the Colony are in for a treat at Messrs. Powells.

**MCAEVEN FRICKEL & CO.**

No table at Christmas appears complete without decanters of good wines or spirits, even if the latter are only used for illuminating the Christmas pudding with the blue flame that reminds one that it is the family dinner of the year. Messrs. Mac Ewen, Frickel and Co. are the people to purchase these necessities from. It is a little late in the day to recommend this firm to the people of Hongkong now, as they have been looked upon as amongst the front rank of wine and spirit merchants for many years. Their crusted wines and aged spirits are par excellence and if one requires a hamper to make up their list of Christmas purchases one can safely leave the matter in the hands of Messrs. Mac Ewen, Frickel and Co. who will assist them in making a selection that will give satisfaction.

**TRY.**

Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. have so much display area at their disposal that it is by no means easy to give anything but a general idea of what this enterprising firm is offering to the public. In one window the effigy of Cardinal Wolsey calls attention to the fact that Wolseys for underwear can be bought inside, while adjacent to it there is a show of gloves to suit all tastes from the very fashionable yellow to the quiet suede and browns. Every man likes fancy waistcoat but opinions differ considerably as to pattern. Messrs. Lane, Crawford show a selection which hints that

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the range inside is large and representative. Perhaps the large array of crackers set out in a window by themselves should deserve more than passing mention, for the manner in which they are set out is truly effective.

**MR. J. T. SHAW.**

Mr. J. T. Shaw, the gentleman's clothier and outfitter, has a very nice show of ties and shirts in his window and the latest fashion in hats is being displayed. His suitings are of the latest patterns and the cutting of this well-known tailor is sufficiently well-known not to require any recommendation. Now that the cold weather is upon us and overcoats are needed, Mr. Shaw has some of the finest materials that can be obtained for the making of great coats. In the way of boots and shoes customers at this establishment can also be accommodated, and ease, comfort and style are guaranteed.

**BRITISH AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY.**

A call at the British American Tobacco Co.'s offices elicited a whole wealth of information for the Christmas buyer, whose task is rendered all the more easy by reason of the fact that the company's goods are obtainable at practically every tobacco store in the colony. Smokers of Egyptian cigarettes have their attention called to the Bouton Rouge and Selucca brands of Messrs. Madero Freres who by their cigarettes are known throughout the world.

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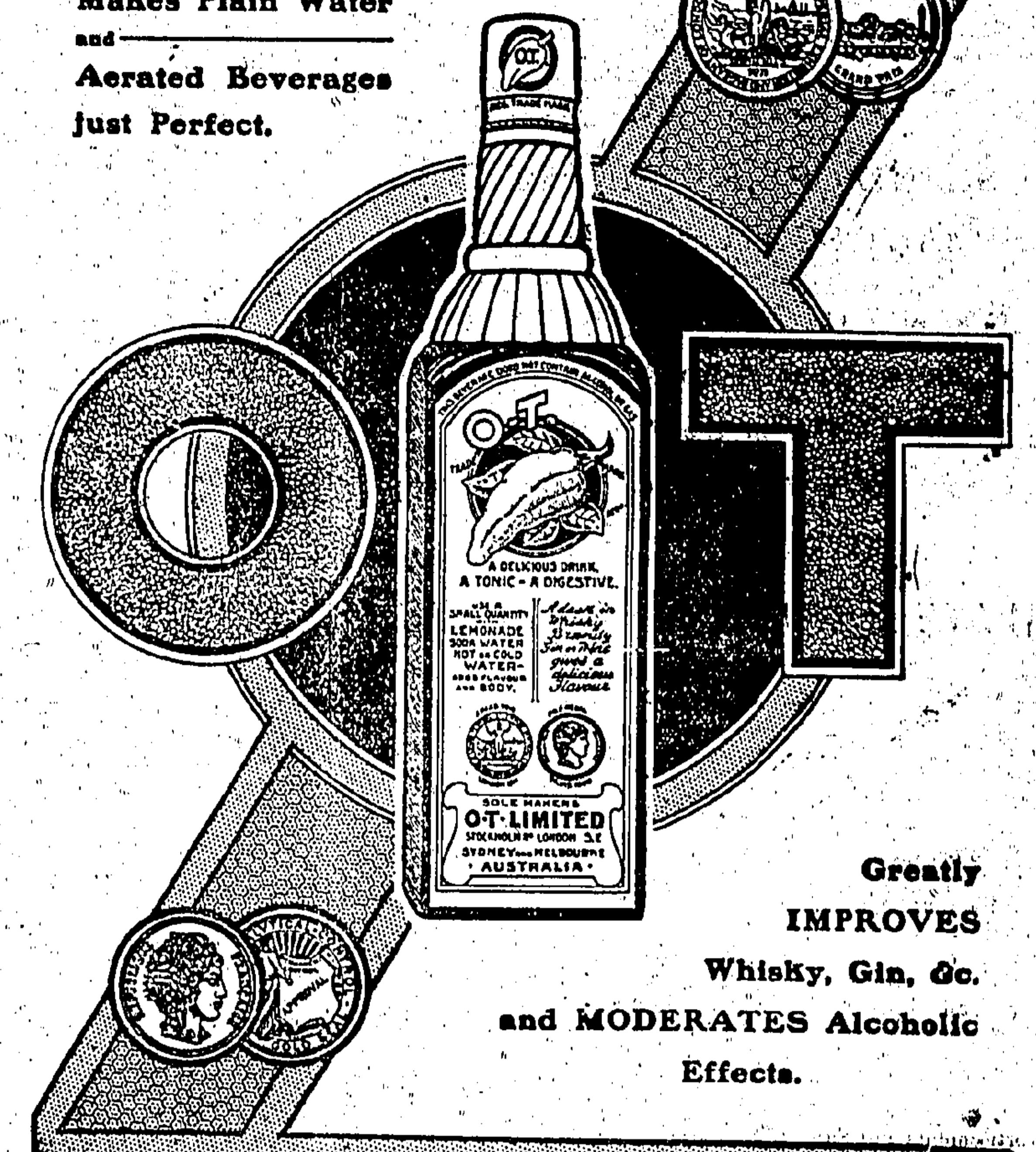
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## The Hongkong Telegraph.

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## THE BOYCOTT.

Up to the time of writing, the Chinese community refuse to be enticed by the very generous offer of free rides on the tramways. With this fact before us, we would like to know how it is that a boycott such as the present one, could continue for so long, and what is more, be so systematically observed by all the classes of the native population, were there no "organisation" at the back of it all.

This boycott is well organized; this "organisation" will be broken, whether gracefully or not will depend on the organizers and their supporters, and the orders issued from their headquarters, be they here or elsewhere.

The boycott must be broken, will be broken.

How is it possible for this "organisation" to compel such obedience to its mandates? By threats of a sound thrashing and even of death. It is fair that does it, fear; for nothing else will induce a peace loving Chinese community to support a cause with which they have but little sympathy, and we venture to say that by far the larger portion of the Chinese population in this Colony would to-day be glad to feel at liberty to ride in the trams, were it not for fear, and were the word passed to them from the proper quarter that it was safe to do so. That is the point; *from the proper quarter*.

Fear; what is it? It is that all potent factor; so prominent in the lives of all, that some one has been impelled to say for us, "There is no Hell but Fear".

## THE UNIONIST "SPLIT."

The speech which Mr. Bonar Law, leader of the Unionist party made at Ashton-under-Lyne on the tariff question is of far more than passing significance. It was a distinctly new policy that he enunciated, or rather hinted at, and inasmuch as it diverges sharply from the very concrete proposals advanced some seven years ago by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, and since adopted by the Unionist party as a whole, it need occasion no surprise that a very considerable division of opinion has manifested itself among the speaker's followers. We say "hinted at" because a close examination of the utterance will show that Mr. Bonar Law himself does not definitely pledge himself one way or another on the matter. To be specific, his speech was not without a paradoxical element, for whereas he opens with a declaration that when the Unionists are returned to power they "do not intend to impose food duties," he follows this up with a qualified observation that "if the Colonies do not desire such an arrangement, there will be no food duties," and further says that if any readjustment be necessary, he hopes it will only touch wheat.

It would be well here to recall, in brief outline, the main points of Mr. Chamberlain's proposals which, as we have stated, have up till now been regarded as part and parcel of the Unionist programme—the main plank, in fact. These proposals were that a duty of two shillings a quarter be imposed on foreign corn and flour, a five per cent. duty on foreign meat and dairy produce, and, with certain reservations, a ten per cent. duty on foreign manufactured goods. On the other hand, it was proposed that there be certain remissions in the existing duties on tea, sugar, coffee and cocoa. That the policy here outlined involved the imposition of food duties, is apparent; and it is equally clear that the suggestions now advanced by Mr. Bonar Law constitute a fundamental divergence therefrom. We are well aware that Unionists were ever on the alert to deny that Mr. Chamberlain's tariff proposals were synonymous with the taxation of food, and in their eagerness to prove that all consideration had been given to the consuming public they were wont to point to the fact that the scheme also provided for the exemption from duty of maize and bacon, the latter forming the food of some of the poorest of the population and the former being a raw material to the farmers, who feed their stock on it. But this was a double-edged argument in actuality, for, if it be admitted that the classes referred to would feel the effect of a duty imposed on maize and bacon, then obviously they would also be affected by the proposed duty on corn and flour. The exemptions specified were, in fact, tantamount to an admission that the consuming public would feel any taxation on the necessities of life,—as they obviously would, despite the ingenious arguments of the Tariff Reform school. There was another point on which Mr. Bonar Law struck out on an opposite line to his predecessor in the Unionist leadership, namely in his objection to the adoption of the Referendum, this attitude contrasting with Mr. Balfour's definite pledge given on December 1, 1910, that any Unionist Tariff Reform Bill should be submitted to Referendum before enactment.

With the above points in mind, it was inevitable that there should be, among his own party, dissentients from the new policy put forward by Mr. Bonar Law, and it is noteworthy that the "Times" leads the opposition thereto in strongly expressed terms. To the unbiased, it looks very like as if a certain section of the party were doing a little "side-stepping" on this awkward food taxation question. We are sorry that this should appear to be so, for Unionism has already suffered sufficiently from the indecision of its leaders. Nothing can do the party greater harm than fickleness, and nothing can do it greater good than the pronouncement of a clear, outspoken declaration of policy, altogether free from ambiguities. Believing this, we cannot fall in with the attitude of men like Lord Curzon when they declare that the party could be better engaged than "in discussing whether a tax should be paid on barley, corn and oats in the years to come." One thing is sure, namely, that this is what the electorate will want to know; and if the Unionists have not made up their minds before the next General Election, it will assuredly go hard with them at the polls.

## The Wireless Scheme.

The news that tenders are to be invited for the installation in Hongkong of a five Kilowatt wireless installation has been received with lively satisfaction in shipping and commercial circles. The matter has so long been recognised as of paramount importance and has been so largely discussed, that it is unnecessary, at this date, to point to the actual need for such an installation. The lower-power station, it appears, is not to interfere with Hongkong's participation in the Empire scheme of long-distance installations, and there is no reason why it should. The first is essentially a commercial station; the second is not; and if the new scheme is less ambitious than was anticipated some time ago, it is, at any rate, a deal better than nothing at all. It is a pity, nevertheless, that permission was not granted by the Home Authorities a year or so ago. It could have been no more dangerous then than now, neither could it have been more objectionable. It would have saved the Hongkong Government the cost of the plant and installation, for the reason that a leading firm here was prepared to present to the Colony free of cost, the necessary plant and to erect the same on a suitable site to be provided by the Colony.

## Education in the Colony.

In the midst of all this boycott strife it is a relief to turn aside to the contemplation of some of the speeches made at the prize-distributions in the various schools of the Colony. The Governor threw in a remark at one of these the other day which every Hongkong Britisher will cordially endorse. It was to the effect that, in the colonies, we are apt to pay too much attention to educating natives and too little to teaching our own people. As things are at present there are many Hongkong parents who feel obliged to send their children to the theatre going members of the Colony. Miss Maude Tane, as the Queen of Hearts, is said to be most captivating and Mr. Warwick himself, as the Joker, has a great reputation as a keen humourist.

## Court Cards.

Mr. Edgar Warwick is confident that his production of "Court Cards and their Joker," which will appear at the Theatre Royal on December 31st, will prove most amusing to the theatre going members of the Colony. Miss Maude Tane, as the Queen of Hearts, is said to be most captivating and Mr. Warwick himself, as the Joker, has a great reputation as a keen humourist.

## Education and Fads.

And talking of education reminds us that, nowadays, there seems to be as much faddism and quackery in the scholastic world as in the religious and the medical. The form of education which put backbone, refinement and breadth of views into the British middle and upper classes—a good grounding in classics and litera-

## DAY BY DAY.

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## Arrived, Back.

Mr. P. Sofisti arrived back by the s.s. Singan from Haiphong to-day.

## Steerage Passengers.

There were 316 Chinese and 36 Hindu steerage passengers from Vancouver by the Empress of India to-day.

## Wakasa Maru's Cargo.

The s.s. Wakasa Maru brought down from Kobe 1,800 tons of cargo for Hongkong, and 3,500 for through transit.

## Hongkong Christian Union.

The Rev. T. W. Pearce will speak at the meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union at St. Paul's College on Monday next at 5.30 p.m.

## Body Found.

A Chinese male child aged one year has been found on the foreshore at Tai Kok Tsui. Death was apparently due to natural causes.

## Returned to the Colony.

Mr. H. T. Richardson, of the C. P. R. Company, arrived to-day by the Empress of India, after a trip Home, being accompanied by his wife.

## Arrivals.

Among the passengers arriving by the Empress of India to-day were Mr. and Mrs. W. O. D. Turner, from Yokohama, and Mr. R. Hynd, from Shanghai.

## Sudden Death.

A youth aged 17 years, died suddenly at 98, Praya East, yesterday, and the body has been removed to the mortuary. Death was apparently due to natural causes.

## Cadets' Successes.

It is notified that Mr. N. L. Smith and Mr. G. R. Sayer, cadets, passed their final examination in Cantonese on 8th November, 1912.

## Truck Accident.

A coolie has been removed to the hospital from the Yau Ma Tei district suffering from injuries caused by being run over by a truck. He apparently slipped and the truck ran over his leg.

## Gamblers.

Sergeant Gerrard prosecuted seven men before Mr. Hazelton, at the Police Court, this morning, for gambling at 16, Cross Street. They were each fined \$3, or in default seven days.

## Kallan Mining Administration.

The total output of the Kallan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 7th December, amounted to 38,073.36 tons and the sales during the period, to 32,056.00 tons.

## At Home.

Lady May was "at home" at Government House yesterday afternoon when about two hundred and fifty guests put in an appearance. A very interesting address was delivered by the Right Rev. Bishop Taylor Smith, Chaplain General to the Forces.

## Interesting Visitor.

The Rev. E. B. Berry, B. A., Vicar of Emmanuel Church, Plymouth, is paying a visit to the colony and will preach to-morrow evening at St. Peter's Church, West Point, at 6.15 o'clock when he would like to meet as many old Plymouth friends as possible.

## Empress Boat Goes Alongside.

The C. P. R. s.s. Empress of India went alongside at Kowloon on her arrival to-day instead of taking up an anchorage. We understand that the reason for this unusual proceeding is that the ship has an exceptionally heavy cargo and that, in order to save time, she went directly to wharf No. 3. The Empress is to be overhauled prior to next steaming from Hongkong.

## Victoria Theatre.

In addition to the talented Howard Sisters, who still maintain their remarkable popularity at the Victoria, Messrs. Ramos and Ramos have secured the services of Miss Nellie Maher, a pretty little Australian soubrette. Both she and the Howard Sisters received tremendous applause at each of their turns last night.

Miss Maher should have a very successful season here. The films showing are exceeding good and include "It is Written"—powerful melodrama in three parts, and two splendid comedies—"A moonlight night" and "Seizure."

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## THE BOYCOTT.

Yesterday's Chinese Commercial Union Meeting.

A meeting of Chinese was held yesterday at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in connection with the attitude which should be taken by the leading business men towards the agitators. About thirty merchants were present.

The Hon. Sir Kai Ho Kai made a lengthy and vigorous speech in which he urged the merchants to stand by the Government.

The speech was well received and undoubtedly impressed all present. The Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk C.M.G. was also present in his denunciations of the boycott-promoters, and pointed out that all present should insist on their employees using the cars on every possible occasion.

A Chinese merchant who attended the meeting told a "Telegraph" representative that much discontent was felt among those present at so small an attendance.

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## Another Interview.

Another Chinese merchant who was present at the meeting speaks most enthusiastically of Sir Kai Ho Kai's speech. The Chinese Commercial Union has, he informs us, published 30,000 copies of the Governor's recent speech to the Chinese, and has, in addition, issued special notices pointing out that the Chinese poor will themselves be the losers if the boycott continues. This gentleman gave it as his opinion that the cars will probably be well patronised to-morrow which, the Winter Solstice, is a special holiday with the Chinese.

On the subject of the new ordinance, he said, "Of course it will hit the Chinese badly if only from the fact that, in taxed areas, rents will immediately be raised in order to meet the tax. We are very sorry to see so severe a law come into force though we realise fully the necessity of it. We are doing our very best to help the Government."

## The Free Rides.

The Government have to-day issued a hand bill in Chinese announcing that free rides to Chinese are being given on the cars and that the tramway Company are justified in insisting in accepting only Hongkong money.

It is early days to talk of the success or non-success of the plan for granting free rides to Chinese. Some of the cars this morning were nearly full—one or two having a couple of outside passengers as well; but these were the exception.

In most cases not more than two or three Chinese passengers were travelling. Nearly every car has been carrying soldiers or police, and the line is well guarded at various points.

## A Lively Scene.

We are informed that a disgraceful scene occurred early this morning when a Chinese attempted to get on one of the trams. The incident happened near the Corinthian Yacht Club, and the car was boarded by a number of Chinese who literally hauled the man from the car and then proceeded to pummel him lustily. Although whistles were blown, and Police Station No. 2 is only two blocks distant, it is stated that no policeman appeared.

The man who was so roughly handled managed to drag himself up a side street, the mob of Chinese yelling and hooting all the time.

## Shanghai Paper's Views.

It is gratifying to find that the attitude of the "Telegraph" towards the boycott is warmly endorsed by the "North China Daily News" in a recent leader. Our contemporaries say:

The news that the Hongkong Government is taking drastic measures to put a stop to the boycott of the Tramway Company must be received with entire satisfaction.

For upwards of three weeks, that is from about one week after the regulation against the use of any but Hongkong coinage in the trams and ferries had been put into force, the trams have been running practically empty of Chinese. The Star Ferry and Peak Tramway Com-

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must be confessed that the returns of crime in the colony give justice to the criticism. Coming to the boycott we find this curious impression apparently prevailing among the Chinese, that they can use the Colony at one and the same time as foreign territory and their own possession. Looked at from this point of view the Tramway Company's decision to accept only Hongkong money has something of the force of an official enactment. It is not just that the Company should lose by reason of a regulation which it has every right to enforce. But it is far more unjust that those who voluntarily enter the Colony should behave as if they were beyond its lawful requirements. In a sense, therefore, the new Bill may be looked upon as a general warning not less than a specific remedy, and as such we trust that the Chinese will have the good sense to accept it. At no time has firmness been more called for by those in power whether in Hongkong or in China than at the present. In other words, the Chinese are on their trial, to be judged by the lofty standard set up during the Revolution; and there should be no need to tell them how much they stand to lose in the eyes of the world by allowing themselves to be swayed by agitators and malcontents.

#### EDUCATION IN HONGKONG.

New Rules for Kowloon and British Victoria Schools.

The following rules, in substitution of those hitherto existing regarding the Kowloon and Victoria British School, appear in the Government Gazette:

1.—Admission to the schools is limited to children of European parentage; the Director of Education may if he thinks it desirable refuse any application for admission subject to appeal to the Governor whose decision shall be final.

2.—Boys over 12 years of age will not be admitted or allowed to remain at the Kowloon School.

3.—Application for admission must be made in the first instance to the Headmaster or Headmistress, at least one month before the desired date of admission.

4.—Fees are payable monthly and in advance, on the following scale:—For the first child of one family in attendance, Upper School, \$5; Lower School, \$3.

For the second of two or more children of the same family in attendance together, \$4 and \$2. For the third of three or more children of the same family in attendance together, \$3 and \$2. Where children of the same family are attending both schools, the rules regulating the reduction of fees will be applied as if the children were all in attendance together at one of the schools.

5.—If a pupil commences attendance in the first fifteen days of the month fees for the whole month will be charged. Otherwise fees for one-half month only will be charged.

6.—Fees will not be charged during school vacations, nor for periods exceeding one month during which pupils are absent for good cause.

7.—No pupil may remain at the school while suffering from any infectious disease; nor may any pupil return to school after recovery from such disease, nor come from a house in which there is or has recently been infection, without a Medical Certificate stating that there is no danger of infection.

8.—The Headmaster or Headmistress may with the concurrence of the Director of Education decline to receive any pupils whose fees have not been paid, and may expel any pupil if such a course is considered advisable in the interests of the school; an appeal from such expulsion shall lie to the Governor whose decision shall be final.

#### FIELD DAY.

Arrangements are being made for a Field Day in the neighbourhood of Fan Ling 20th instant when the Volunteer Reserves will be opposed to the Scouts, who will be in Camp for the annual training.

The Reserves will proceed by train to Fan Ling on Sunday morning.

#### INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS.

Discussion on the "Efficiency of the Propelling System."

There was a fair attendance of members and friends at the Institution of Engineers' and Ship-builders, Hongkong, last night when the paper of Mr. J. S. Chapman on the efficiency of the propelling system was discussed. Very few of the members seemed eager to take any part in the discussion that was expected, many saying that they preferred to listen. Engineer Commander Room R. N., presided.

The Chairman in opening the discussion called attention to the different conditions surrounding the running of tramp steamer and a naval vessel, and said that Mr. Chapman spoke more from the point of view of the tramp steamer with the Scotch boiler and the tube difficulties of the cylindrical boiler. In the Navy they always tried to get the maximum power at a minimum weight. The economy in this instance was different from that in the construction of other ships.

If they got the same power as the other vessel in half the weight, they had all the greater margin to put something else in the ship. A warship had to carry some means of defence and if they got the power on half the weight they could get in one or two more twelve inch guns and the necessary ammunition for them, and they could perhaps carry more armour. It also meant that they could put in double power and then they had a greater speed, which was advantageous for getting away from the enemy or for scouting. When they came to discuss steam they found that those who had gone thoroughly into the valve question had often been dissatisfied that they could only get one tenth of the steam generated converted into work. There was a great deal of improvement in the steam engine, though they only got a tenth into work and the engine of to-day was not a bad one. With the oil engine, which gave them thirty per cent, converted into work it looked much better but it was doing far worse on what it was possible for it to do than the steam engine, and that was a point one had to appreciate in reading a paper of that kind. A good tramp steamer engine working in good order was much better in relation to what it could do than the Diesel engine at the present time.

Mr. Elliott regretted that, having talent in that room, as they certainly had, they had not heard from many of them accounts of their experiences. Mr. Elliott contended that the oil engine had not the flexibility of the steam engine.

Mr. Thompson said that he was not a member of the Institution but asked leave to speak. This was granted him, and he said that Mr. Chapman had spoken of a river being utilised to drive a launch, but the river might not have enough energy to drive a sewing machine. Perhaps Mr. Chapman would get him out of the difficulty.

At the present time it had nothing to do with driving a steam launch. Perhaps a river of mercury dropping from a height over falls would produce greater effect, and a river of kerosene less effect. There was no inherent virtue in the value of water. It was merely a weight dropping from a height and Mr. Chapman might give an explanation.

Mr. Chapman said that if a wheel was introduced into the current it did not matter whether it was water or kerosene or anything they liked, because by means of that current and wheel and utilising a pump and compressing air into a storage cylinder, they were utilising energy from that river.

Supposing they had a large series of storage cylinders and into these cylinders the air was compressed, as long as the river was moving and as long as there was motion and the wheel was moving which accounted for compressed air being placed in the cylinder, and they utilised the turbine engine with an arm coupled to the propeller, they would be able to drive a launch (Applause).

Our information is to the effect that Chan Kiang Wa, head of the Police at Canton, has co-operated with the Hongkong Police, and one of the biggest captures known in the Colony has been effected. The trunk is now at the police station, and the contents are being examined. It is also stated there will be more than one charge preferred against the accused.

#### FIRM'S LOSSES.

Systematic Thefts from Hongkong Cotton Mills.

At the Police Court, this morning, before Mr. Hazelton, an elderly woman and two girls were charged with stealing a quantity of cotton yarn valued at \$14, the property of the Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company.

The two girls pleaded not guilty, but the old woman pleaded guilty.

Sergeant Gerrard said the company had lost about twenty bales of cotton within the last month or so. As there were many houses in Wanchai where spinning was done, the thieves had no difficulty in disposing of the cotton. In the case in question the old woman was in the habit of taking food to the girls in a basket. Whilst the girls went out to eat she put the cotton into her basket and took small quantities out at a time. Although the girls were not so culpable as the woman, he thought they had guilty knowledge.

Mr. Palmer, who represented the Company, in reply to his Worship, said a great deal of stealing had been going on.

Mr. Hazelton said in view of this fact, he would give a little heavier sentence than he would otherwise have done, and he hoped that it would act as a deterrent. He suggested that notices of the conviction should be posted in the mills. He sentenced the woman to two months' hard labour, and discharged the younger defendants.

#### THE YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwell, in their circular dated the 29th inst., state:—

"Our last circular was dated 7th inst. por. 'Devanha'."

During the past fortnight our market has been particularly dull, the dealers having very few orders from the interior, while there is an entire absence of speculative demand.

On the order hand, advices from Bombay indicate a very strong market, the level of prices

there being much higher than our local quotations. That being so, and in view of the advance of Amer-can cotton, we see no prospect of prices giving way. In fact, given a fair country demand, our market is bound to fall in line with the higher prices ruling elsewhere.

In the meantime, we also with a quiet but steady market.

Total sales, 1,700 bales; unsold stocks, 14,000 bales, sold but un-delivered in the godown and to arrive 40,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The mail str. Delta

str. Rangoon Maru from Bom-bay, and str. Apear from Calcutta have brought in 6,700 bales for Hongkong, and 7,000 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai, and coast ports &c. 1,500 bales.

Local Mill.—About 300 bales of 10s. & 12s. at \$127 and \$133 respectively, have been placed on the market.

Shanghai.—A moderate demand is reported.

Japanese Yarn.—No sales.

Haw cotton. Bengal.—The Japanese market being a keen buyer at higher prices, the few parcels which arrived here, have, all been shipped to Japan.

China.—about 385 (small) bales

has been sold at \$30 to \$30,

Chinese at \$30 to \$34.

#### SENSATIONAL RUMOUR.

Story of Big Haul of Forged Notes.

We have been informed that an arrest has been made this afternoon of rather a sensational character. It is rumoured that five Japanese were arrested about two o'clock this afternoon on the Praya in possession of a steamer trunk, alleged to be full of forged Chinese banknotes.

The value of the notes at present has not yet been ascertained but it is believed to be very considerable.

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His Worship: He should be charged with larceny. If you put your hand into a man's pocket and it is empty you can now be convicted of attempted larceny;

it was not so formerly.

#### SADOC EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES.

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Which has proved a great success in cigarette manufacture.

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SIZE No. 1, per 100 ... \$4.25

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#### FIELD OPERATIONS.

Field Operations will take place in the neighbourhood of Tanting on Monday, December 30th. The undermentioned troops will take part in the Field Operations:—

Red Force:—Officer Commanding:—Lieut.-Colonel A. G. Marable, 1st Ba. K. O. Y. L. I.; Troops:—1st Ba. K. O. Y. L. I.; Hongkong Volunteer Corps, as available.

Blue Force:—Officer Commanding:—Major G. W. Robinson, 25th Punjabis; Troops:—8th Rajputs, 25th Punjabis.

Umpires are allotted as under:—Red Force:—Major R. S. Paul, 126th Baluchistan Infantry. (Attached to 1st Ba. K. O. Y. L. I.); Captain C. R. L. Fitzgerald, Baluchistan Infantry. (Attached to 1st Ba. K. O. Y. L. I.)

Blue Force:—Major T. F. R. Thompson, 26th Panjabis. (Attached to 25th Panjabis); Captain A. Maude, 26th Panjabis. (Attached to 25th Panjabis); Captain P. D. Saxton, 26th Panjabis. (Attached to 8th Rajputs); Captain G. H. Russell, 126th Baluchistan Infantry. (Attached to 8th Rajputs).

The senior umpire on either side will allot duties to umpires as required. Umpires should sleep in camp on the night of December 29th/30th. General and Special Ideas will be issued to all concerned. The Red Force will not wear any distinguishing mark. The Blue Force will wear blue puttees.

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#### ORDINANCES ASSENTED TO.

The Government Gazette notifies that His Excellency the Governor has given his assent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty the King, to the following Ordinances passed by the Legislative Council:—An Ordinance to prevent the undue and improper interference with or hampering of lawful business and commercial undertakings; An Ordinance to provide punishment for certain persons found guilty of adultery or harbouring Chinese Married Women; An Ordinance for effecting the final revision and amendment of the Ordinances of the Colony from 1844 to 1912 inclusive before incorporating them in the New Revised Edition of the Laws of the Colony.

This steamer brings on cargo:—

“S.S. ‘Bolivia’ from Havre.

‘Nigador’ from Portimao.

‘Farl’ from Abra.

‘Courier’ from Drammen.

‘Evans’ from Abra.

‘Norge’ from Göteborg.

HAMBURG-AMERIKAN LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 20th Dec. 1912. 1912.

#### MAGISTRATE'S HINT.

#### (BRITISH SECTION).

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given that an additional train will leave Kowloon for Shum Chun calling at the Golf Course Crossing, Fan-Ling at 10.15 a.m. on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

On the above dates the train will leave Kowloon at 5.30 p.m. and will run according to the Saturday and Sunday timetables.

By order,

H. P. WINSLOW,

Manager.

Kowloon, 10th Dec. 1912. 1912.

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Nine different kinds now ready.

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Sailings from Hongkong and St. John, N.B.  
 "E. of India" ... Sat., Jan. 11 "E. of Ireland" ... Fri., Feb. 7  
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 D. W. Craddock, General Traffic Agent,  
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**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.**

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).  
 For Steamship On  
 MANILA ..... YUENSANG\* ..... Saturday, 21st Dec., 2 p.m.  
 MOJI & KOBE ..... KUMSANG\* ..... Sunday, 22nd Dec., at daylight.  
 SANDAKAN ..... MAUSANG\* ..... Monday, 23rd Dec., 4 p.m.  
 SHANGHAI ..... LIANGSANG\* ..... Sunday, 22nd Dec., at daylight.  
 CHEFOO & CHINWAN\* ..... KINGSING\* ..... Monday, 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m.  
 TAU via SHANGHAI ..... KINGSING\* ..... Monday, 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m.  
 SHANGHAI ..... KOOONSHING\* ..... Tuesday, 24th Dec., at daylight.  
 SINGAPORE, PENANG\* ..... NAMSANG\* ..... Tuesday, 24th Dec., 2 p.m.  
 MANILA ..... LOONGSANG\* ..... Saturday, 28th Dec., 2 p.m.

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The steamers "Kutsang," "Namsang" and "Fookang," leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Japan returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. Time occupied 20 days. This service is supplemented by the "Laisang" and "Kunsang" leaving Hongkong at regular intervals for Moji and Kobe and returning thence direct to Hongkong. Time occupied 16 days.

These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A duly qualified surgeon is also carried.

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Taking cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Chefoo, Tientsin, Dairen, Weihaiwei, Tsingtao & Newchwang.

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 LONDON & ANTWERP } DENDIGHSHIRE ..... 24th Dec.  
 SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ..... CARMARTHENSHIRE ..... 14th Jan.  
 SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA ..... PEMBROKESHIRE ..... 4th Feb.  
 LONDON & ANTWERP } PEMBROKESHIRE ..... 4th Feb.

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These steamers have superior accommodation for a limited number of First Class Passengers. Cabins are situated amidships, and are fitted with electric light and fans. Attention is particularly directed to the moderate fares charged.

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HONGKONG TO CANTON CANTON TO HONGKONG SATURDAY, 21ST DECEMBER.

10.00 p.m. "FATSHAN," 5.00 p.m. "KINSHAN."

SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

10.00 p.m. "KINSHAN," 4.00 p.m. "FATSHAN."

These steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mail, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to the Superior Saloon and Cabin. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

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Week days at 7.30 A.M. and 2 P.M. Sundays, at 7.30 A.M. and 5 P.M.

EXCURSION TO MACAO

SUNDAY, 22ND DECEMBER.

The Company's Steamship,

"SUI AN," will depart from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf at 9 A.M. and return from Macao at 5 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M. and from Hongkong at 12.30 P.M. from the Company's WING LOK STREET WHARF.

This steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 P.M.

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S.S. HOI-SANG, 467 TONS.

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EUROPE &amp;c. KAMO MARU (Capt. F. L. Sommer, T. 16,000) WEDNESDAY, 1st Jan., at daylight.

EUROPE &amp;c. AKI MARU (Capt. B. Kon, T. 12,500) WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at daylight.

VICTORIA, B.C., &amp; SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, &amp; YAMAGATA. YAWATA MARU (Capt. Shimizu, T. 12,500) TUESDAY, 31st Dec., at noon.

SYDNEY &amp; MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY, 1st JAN. ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE. YAWATA MARU (Capt. T. Sekine, T. 7,000) WEDNESDAY, 15th Jan., at Noon.

NIKKO MARU (Capt. M. Yagi, T. 9,600) WEDNESDAY, 16th Jan., at Noon.

KAGA MARU (Capt. Tabusa, T. 12,500) THURSDAY, 2nd Jan., at 11 a.m.

CALCUTTA via SPORE, PENGANG and KUEGON. COLOMBO MARU (Capt. Kawashima, Tons 6,000) SATURDAY, 28th December.

CEYLON MARU (Capt. Tozawa, T. 12,000) CEYLON MARU (Capt. H. Nomura, T. 12,500) MONDAY, 23rd December.

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PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1913.

## FOR EUROPE.

Steamer.	Tons displacement.	Leaving H.K.
Mishima Maru	16,000	29th January.
Kaga Maru	12,500	12th February.
Atsuta Maru	16,000	26th February.
Hitachi Maru	13,000	12th March.
Miyasaki Maru	16,000	26th March.
Kitano Maru	16,000	9th April.
Iyo Maru	12,500	23rd April.
Hirano Maru	16,000	7th May.
Tango Maru	18,500	21st May.

## FOR AMERICA.

Steamer.	Tons	Leaving H.K.
Inaba Maru	12,500	11th February.
Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	25th February.
Tamba Maru	12,500	11th March.
Awa Maru	12,500	25th March.
Sado Maru	12,500	4th April.
Yokohama Maru	12,500	22nd April.
Inaba Maru	12,500	6th May.
Shidzuoka Maru	12,500	20th May.

(Subject to change without notice.)

T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

## Shipping

**HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES.****PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO.**SHEWAN TOMES & CO.  
GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 7th December, 1912. [14]

**LOG BOOK.**

Commodore of the Cunard Line.

When the Cunard liner *Cambria* arrived at Queenstown on November 26 Captain R. C. Warr, commodore captain of the Cunard fleet, who has spent 47 years at sea—33 in the Cunard service—was presented with a silver tea and coffee service by the passengers on the occasion of his retiring into private life.

**COAL SHIPMENTS.**

A White paper just issued gives details of the shipments of coal abroad, coastwise and in bunkers, from each port of the United Kingdom during 1910 and 1911. The total coal exports from the United Kingdom in 1911 were 64,599,266 tons, as against 62,085,478 in 1910. Cardiff heading the list of ports with 16,127,777, Newcastle and the Shields totalled 12,498,066. Of the total exports 25,029,865 tons went to Russia, Scandinavia, Germany, Holland, Belgium, Iceland, and the whale and deep-sea fisheries—the bulk coming from the East Coast ports—and 31,330,571 to other European countries and Mediterranean ports. The shipments of coal coastwise totalled 22,005,021 tons in 1911, against 21,876,715 in 1910; and the shipments of bunker coals were—foreign voyages 10,264,189 tons, coastwise voyages 2,431,925.

**AMERICAN-HAWAIIAN s.s. CO.**

The *Minnesotan*, the first of eight ships being built for the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, left New York for Puerto Mexico, on her maiden trip on October 15, and will run between those ports until the opening of the Panama Canal permits of the run being extended to San Francisco.

The other ships following her in the order named are the *Dakota*, which will be delivered shortly by the builders, the *Maryland Steel Co.*; the *Montanan*, due in the spring; the *Panamanian*, the *Washingtonian*, the *Iowan* and the *Ohioan*. They are built to the same specifications, namely, length 415ft. 2in., width 53ft. 6in., depth 39ft. 6in., draught 20ft. 4in., speed 12 knots, gross tonnage 6,655, and dead weight tonnage 10,000. They are substantially built with double bottom, and ample bulkheads are carrying for burning oil fuel for their engines, and are equipped with the best modern apparatus for handling freight. The eight new boats will bring up the total gross tonnage of the American-Hawaiian Company to 180,000.

**Safety of Ships at Sea.**

Berlin, Nov. 22.—At to-day's meeting of the German Society of Naval Architects, which is holding its annual conference here, a lecture was delivered by Professor Flamm, of Charlottenburg, on "The unsinkability of modern sea-going ships." The lecturer reviewed the history of pre-emptive regulations in England and Germany and said that the British regulation of 1888 to the effect that ships fitted with adequate watertight compartments need carry only half the number of boats ordered by law had been a blunder which was avenged by the sinking of the *Titanic*. In Germany, Professor Flamm said, the State had taken practically no thought at all for the security of sea-going ships until the loss of the *Elbe* in 1895, and in 1896 the general regulations regarding compartments had been introduced. These regulations were still in force 16 years later, and were quite unsuited to modern ships. They took no account of freight ships nor of the peculiarities of individual ships, and left unconsidered the stability of vessels which had sprung a leak. Professor Flamm said that he had examined the watertight compartments of the *Lusitania* and *Mauretania*, and found that they possessed "a true so-called incapacity to sink." He recommended that not too much trust should be placed in pumps, that lower decks should be illuminated by artificial light rather than through windows, and that the number of boats should be fixed, not according to tonnage, but according to the number of persons on board.

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	HOMEWARD.
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S.S. ARMENIA ..... 2nd Dec.	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg; S.S. ALESIA ..... 24th Dec.
" ALTMARK ..... 3rd Jan.	For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg; S.S. BRASILIA ..... 11th Jan.
" SILESIA ..... 14th Jan.	For Havre & Hamburg;
" SUEVIA ..... 27th Jan.	S.S. SAMBIA ..... 16th Jan.
" O. J. D. AHLERS ..... 11th Feb.	For Rotterdam, Bremen & Hamburg; S.S. FURST BULOW ..... 21st Jan.
" SPEZIA ..... 26th Feb.	For Havre, Bremen & Hamburg; S.S. ARMENIA ..... 5th Jan.
" SENEGAMBIA ..... 10th March	For Havre & Hamburg; S.S. ALTMARK ..... 5th Feb.
SITHONIA ..... 23rd March	For Marseille, Bremen & Hamburg; S.S. GOLDENFELS ..... 7th Feb.

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## ROUND THE SHOPS.

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The China Commercial Company in Duddell Street and you will find that the warping one will leave your premises. CN means death to insects of all kinds and should be kept in every household.

## THE QUEEN'S DISPENSARY.

The Queen's Dispensary in Queen's Road is well stocked with the rarest of perfumes and is a place where prescriptions are made up with care and dispatch. During the winter, coughs are frequent and as a safeguard against the dangers of winter ills, pulmonary tuberculosis and slow convalescence after fever, rickets and wasting diseases of children, try the cod liver oil emulsion with hypophosphites which is manufactured in London for this house. It is guaranteed to contain forty per cent. of cod liver oil in valuable form and is said to be superior to any emulsion on the market.

## THE GENERAL ELECTRIC CO. LTD.

The adaptation of electricity to the uses of the household is one of the great achievements of the age and the number of contrivances that the General Electric Co. display are almost bewildering in variety; for instance, if one is permitted to penetrate into the mysteries of lady's toilet, it is conceivable that curling tongs play a very prominent part. Hitherto they have been heated in a spirit lamp flame, a method both old-fashioned and clumsy. What could be better than a present of an electric curling tongs heater, artistically made and finished off with nickel plating and mounted on a marble base? Or again, what better present to a man than an electric cigar holder?

## MESSRS. DIX BROTHERS.

Messrs. Dix Brothers are essentially tailors in the sense of the word that all their attention is centred on the making of clothing, which is generally recognised to be of fine quality both as regards cloth and workmanship. Besides the usual fine stock that the firm

keeps, we would call attention to the fine array of West of England Tweeds as well as Scotch and Donegal tweeds that are a feature of their output. For the sporting man might be mentioned the Indian sunproof cloth which makes up into excellent shooting suits, while for evening wear, Messrs. Dix have already acquired a reputation which would be hard to beat. In ladies' tailoring, too, the firm do excellent work.

## MESSRS. CLARK AND COMPANY.

Messrs. Clark and Company can now manufacture the new Krytak invisible bifocal lens on their premises and are making a specialty of these glasses. So well they might, since the old style of cement bifocals, with their disfiguring and annoying dividing line, are conspicuous by their absence in the glasses prepared now by this noted firm of opticians. There is now lens with two foci, the upper portion of the glass for distance and the lower for reading, ground from one single piece of glass. This is a boon to those whose have to use two pairs of glasses, as by purchasing from Messrs. Clark and Co., they can dispense with one pair.

## ALEXANDRA CAFE CO.

The principal thing for making Christmas a success is a good table, and, if one has the good sense to leave the making of cakes, puddings, and pies to the experts at the Alexandra Cafe, one may set out a table equal to the best confectioners at home. Is it not agreed that the best bread in town is to be obtained there, and, if that is so, why not the cakes, pies, and pudding? It follows that Mr. Howard, who can compile such an enjoyable menu, can select turkeys, geese, and joints not to speak of game, with better judgment than the inexperienced householder or the cook one employs. Just give the Alexandra a trial, and you will report satisfaction.

## CHINA EXPRESS COMPANY.

Buying presents is a simple matter but getting them to England and America in such a condition that the receivers can recognise them is quite another matter. If you want your presents

## VESSELS TAKING CARGO.

## European Ports.

Destination.	Vessel's Name.	For Freight Apply To	To be Dispatched.
London and Antwerp	J. M. & Co.	28 December	
London and Antwerp via Singapore, &c.	P. & O. Co.	25 Dec., about	
Havre and Hamburg, &c.	H. A. L.	24 December	
do do do	H. A. L.	11 January	
Bremen, and Hamburg, &c.	H. A. L.	5 January	
do do do	H. A. L.	23 January	
Marseilles and Hamburg, &c.	Fuerst Buelow	23 December	
Mexico, Peruvian and Chili via Japan	Segovia	23 December	
Cape Ports via Mauritius	Kiyo Maru	1 February	
Copenhagen and Baltic Ports	Duneric	Bank Line	Begin January
Canton	A. N. & Co.	15 January	
Persia	S. W. & Co.	31 Dec., about	
Naples, Genoa, Algiers, Gibraltar, Southampton	M. & Co.	25 December	

## New York, San Francisco and Canada.

New York, via Suez Canal	Sohuylkill	Bank Line	30 December
New York via Ports and Suez Canal	Swazi	S. T. & Co.	9 Jan., about
San Francisco via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Nilo	P. M. Co.	31 December
do do do	Mongolia	P. M. Co.	7 January
Victoria, Vancouver, &c.	Ockley	Bank Line	End of December
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Japan, &c.	Tacoma Maru	O. S. K.	26 December
Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma via Keelung, &c.	Panama Maru	O. S. K.	4 January
Victoria, B.C., and Seattle via Shanghai, &c.	Awa Maru	N. Y. K.	31 December
Vancover via Shanghai and Japan, &c.	Empress of India	C. P. R. Co.	11 January
Monteagle	C. P. R. Co.	8 March	

## Australia.

Australian Ports	Changsha	B. & S.	4 January
Australian Ports via Manila	Kumano Maru	N. Y. K.	20 December
do do do	Prinz Waldemar	M. & Co.	28 December
St. Albans	G. L. & Co.	G. L. & Co.	4 January

## Singapore, Coast Ports and Japan.

Batavia, Cheribon, Samarang, &c.	Tjitaroem	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do do do	Tjimahi	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Thongwa	D. S. & Co.	27 December
Singapore, Penang, Rangoon and Calcutta	Colombia Maru	N. Y. K.	28 December
Singapore, Satavang and Sourabaya	Ningo	B. & S.	24 December
Kutat and Sandakan	Borneo	M. & Co.	Midlle of January
Bombay via Singapore and Colombo	Wakusa Maru	N. Y. K.	23 December
Japan	Tjiliwong	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
do	Tjimineck	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Yokohama and Kobe via Shanghai	E. F. Ferdinand	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
do do do	Verwerts	S. W. & Co.	30 Dec., about
Kobe and Moji	Arratoon Apear	D. S. & Co.	30 December
Kobe and Yokohama	Coblenz	M. & Co.	7 Jan., about
do do do	Kaga Maru	N. Y. K.	2 January
Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama	Nikkou Maru	N. Y. K.	15 January
Cheloo and Chinwanta via Shanghai	Kingsing	J. M. & Co.	23 December
Tsingtao, Weihaiwei and Chefoo	Huangchow	B. & S.	23 December
Anping and Tukuo via Swatow and Amoy	Soshu Maru	B. & S. K.	25 December
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiping	P. L. & Co.	24 December
do do	Haiching	D. L. & Co.	27 December
Haitan	Kaiju Maru	O. S. K.	31 December
do do	Duijia Maru	M. & Co.	22 December
Manila	Yuensang	J. M. & Co.	21 December
do	LONGSEANG	J. M. & Co.	28 December
Manila, Cebu and Illoilo	Kueichaw	B. & S.	24 December
do do	Zutro	S. T. & Co.	27 December
Rubi	Rubi	S. T. & Co.	7 January
Dilwara	Dilwara	D. S. & Co.	24 December
Hakata Maru	Hakata Maru	N. Y. K.	23 December
Carmarthenshire	J. M. & Co.	14 Jan., about	
Dumbra	Dumbra	M. M. Co.	30 December
Armonia	Armonia	H. A. L.	22 December
Sunda	P. I. & L. I. W. G.	P. & O. Co.	26 Dec., about
P. I. & L. I. W. G.	P. I. & L. I. W. G.	M. & Co.	26 Dec., about
Tjilatjap	Tjilatjap	J. C. J. L.	Quick despatch
Tjibodas	Tjibodas	P. M. Co.	Quick despatch
Tjikini	Tjikini	S. W. & Co.	5 January
Koerber	Koerber	J. M. & Co.	22 December
Waitsang	Waitsang	J. M. & Co.	24 December
Koonshing	Koonshing	B. & S.	21 December
Liangchow	Liangchow	J. M. & Co.	22 December
Hangsang	Hangsang	B. & S.	26 December
Chenan	Chenan	B. & S.	

## To Sail

FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE  
AND MOJI.

THE Steamship

"DLWARA,"

Capt. W. J. Bishop, will be despatched for the above ports on TUESDAY, the 26th Dec., at Noon.

The Steamer has superior accom-

modation for passengers, is installed

throughout with Electric Light and

carries a duly certified doctor.

Return Tours to Japan (occupying

22 days).

The Steamer leaves about every 3

weeks for Shanghai and Kobe (Inland

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stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan.

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Aldern, J. S. Lowrie, S.  
Ascoli, V. Lowndes, Mr.  
Barberini, E. T. and Mrs. F. L.  
Baring, M. MacGregor, N.  
Bate, E. R. C.

Beale, E. L. Mackenzie, A.  
Beaumont, G. A. MacLannan, D.  
Bellios, Mrs. E. G.

R. MacIntyre, Mr.  
Bona, G. A. and Mrs. Neil.  
Beaumont, R. C. Macdonald, Mr.  
Binn, S. C. and Mrs. F. C.  
Blanch, Mr. and Macrae, Mrs.

Mrs. N. F. Marriott, Dr. O.  
Brooks, W. S. Matheson, Mrs.  
Cardin, Mrs. A. R. T. and  
H. child.

Carlisle, Mr. and Melcher, J.  
Mrs. Motha, K. B.

Carlisle, The Morecki, J.  
Misses McKenna, Dr.

Buschner, O. C. W. & Mrs.

Campbell, A. Mickle, D. M.

Catlin, Harry Millard, P. H.

Chalkley, Mr. & Mitchell, Mr.

Mrs. H. F. Mr. and Mrs.

Chaplin, Mrs. E. V.  
and maid Monkman, Capt.

Christie, P. N. E.

Claxton, A. A. Mulder, Mr. and  
Coley, T. J. Mrs. J. D. F.

Cowen, Mrs. W. Mullin, Mrs. J.  
F.

Correa, M. Pio Notchcombe,  
Crocker, Miss Capt. & Mr.

Crozier, Mrs. L. F. D.

Douglas, Mrs. R. Ross, Mr. and  
H. Mrs. G. H.

Drew, W. C. Ryden, F. F.

Ehrenfels, Mr. Schmoke, W.  
and Mrs. H. C. Shaw, H. G.

Enwright, Miss Sibley, J. C.  
K.

Fancher, F. Solomon, H. H.  
Sutherland, P.

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Mrs. A. E. Spieth, Mr. &

Fielding, H. M. Mrs. James.  
Finlayson, Mrs. Square, Miss.

C. Stelwagon, Mr.  
Fisher, H. G. and Mrs. J. V.

Forrest, R. L. Stelwagon, Miss

Foster, Mrs. G. H.

B. Stephens, W. A.  
Forsyth, Capt. Stowell, Mrs. E.  
and Mrs. W.

Fowler, E. A. S. Stelwagon,

French, Mrs. & Master

Swift, Mr. and

Fuller, Denman Mrs. G. H.

George, Mr. and Thomas, J. B.  
Mrs. F. J. Trowbridge.

George, Miss Capt.

Gibson, T. Amp. Turnbull, Mr.  
Vermeij, G.

Gibson, J. Com. Viekl, Miss

bell, Vollbrecht, E.

Gordon, A. G. Vollbrecht, Mrs.

Goulbourn, V. E.

Gould, Mr. and Watkins, H.

Mrs. J. Webb, Mr. and

Gourgey, I. Mrs. B.

Gratama, D. M. Welch, T. C.

Grinshaw, R. J. Welch, Miss C.

Hall, Capt. T. P. Welsh, Mrs. J.

Harbord, W. R. N.

Harrison, A. Whamond, D.

Herdman, A. E. M.

Hewett, Hon. E. Whiting, A. B.

A. C. M. G. White, Mr. and

Hope, E. Mrs. H. L. H.

Innes, Capt. R. White, D.

Judah, Mrs. A. Winkler, Mr. and

N. E. Mrs. F.

Kelly, H. A. Wood, G. G.

Komor, S. Wright, Mr. &

Lloyd, G. T. Mrs. J. F.

Larocque, L. E. Young, J. A.

Astor House.

Arnold, J. B. James, M.

Beal, J. P. Jeanin, H. E.

Bennett, F. M. King, Miss V.

Byan, M. O.

Birt, L. Lepicke, P. A.

Calvert, F. J. Mac' onald, A.

Campbell, Alex. J. McKinney, C.

Carpenter, Mrs. S. W.

Carr, J. B. Miller, H. H.

Carreto, Mrs. S. Morton, Mrs. S.

Chapman, John F. Musso, F.

Newman, J. C.

Chenu, H. V. Norton, A. W.

Cherry, B. Ortega, J.

Chlynovsky, B. Ossipoff, E.

Chopard, F. A. Patten, S.

Fisher, Mrs. A.

Dorey, S. H. J.

Duffy, Worthy Pratt, W. E.

Cohen, A. Presby, S. Allen

Cunningham, G. Scott, J. A.

Evans, Geo. Valdara J.

Goldenberg, A. Vergriete.

B. L. Wheatley, M.

Hoges, B. F. Wood, H. O.

Hart, Miss Dia- Williamson, O.

mond Woodward.

Craigburn.

Adams, Mr. and Des Garets

Mrs. and 2 Madam

children Elliott, Capt. &

Caldwell, Mr. & Mrs.

Carpenter, Mr. Kydd, Mr. and

and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. G.

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LINE.

S.S. "LOVAT."

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"KLEIST."

having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 20th Dec., will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th Dec., at 9.30 A.M.

All claims must reach us before the 27th of Dec., 1912, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undernamed.

This Steamer brings cargo Ex S.S. "Oneida" and "Barbarigo" from Venetos via Port Said.

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## COMMERCIAL.

## SHARE REPORT.

Mrs. Wright and Hornby's Weekly Share Report, dated December 21, state:—

Our Market has ruled rather quieted during the week owing to settlement influences, but a firmer tendency prevails at the close.

Para Rubber is quoted from London at 4/6 per lb., and the market for Shares closed firm.

Bar Silver is quoted at 20/- per oz. for ready and 20.5/- per oz. for forward delivery, market dull but steady.

Exchange on London opened to-day at 2/0.7-8 T.T.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have advanced from \$815 to \$825 buyers, after sales at \$820 and \$825. London quotes \$85/-.

Marine Insurances:—Unions have changed hands at \$17.1-2 and more sums are obtainable at this rate. Cantons have been done at \$270 and close weaker with further sellers at this figure. North Chinas are quoted from Shanghai at Tls. 134 buyers, and Yangtze at \$192 buyers, Ex. 73.

Fire Insurances:—Hongkong Fires have improved from \$375 to a buying quotation of \$376 with no shares offering; China Fires are wanted at \$147.

Shipping:—Indos are quiet at \$88/-; London quotes \$90/- for the Combined shares, middle price. Hongkong Canton & Macko Steamboats have buyers at \$28 and sellers at \$28. China and Manilas have been in good demand throughout the week and the market closes with buyers at \$11. Douglas's are in demand at \$34. Star Ferries have weakened to a selling quotation of \$37, buyers offering \$35. Shell Transport's firm with London quoting £5/11/- middle price; an interim dividend of 2/- per share has just been declared.

Refineries.—China Sugars are still neglected the market closing weak with sellers at \$108. Luzons have sellers at \$34/-.

Mining.—Lands, after sales at \$4, 4.10 and 4.15, close with buyers at 4.1. Langkats are wanted at Tls. 72½. Tronohs are quoted from London at 79/- middle.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns:—Hongkong Docks have sellers at \$57 and Kowloon Wharves at \$77. Shanghai Docks have advanced from Tls. 50 to Tls. 51½ buyers, and Hongkong Wharves remain unchanged at Tls. 103.

Lands:—Hongkong Lands have been done at \$104/- and \$103 closing quiet. Kowloon Lands are still in request at \$36 and West Points at \$57. Hongkong Hotels are quiet at \$115 and Tls. 73. Humphreys Estates are obtainable at 84.

Cotton Mills:—Hongkong Cottons are firm with buyers at 71. Shanghai Cottons are wanted at 120 for March, Kung Yicks are wanted at Tls. 15 for cash cum the dividend of Tls. 1.50 payable in January. Soey Claces are quoted at Tls. 44 and Ewos have improved to a buying quotation of Tls. 121.

Miscellaneous:—There are buyers of Cements at \$4½ China Borneo's at \$9½ China Providents at \$9½ Dairy Farms at 2½ Ropes at \$19. Watsons at \$6 China Light and Powers at \$2½ and Steam Laundries at \$4½. There are sellers of Union Waterboats, at \$14 and Hongkong Electric Trams at 4½/9d.

Quotations received by cable from London to-day:—

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Tronohs £3/10/9.

United Sardangs 26/5/-.

Rubber Trusts 11/0 Prem.

London Asiatics 12/3.

Shanghai Bullion.

December 13, 1912.

Bar Silver ... d. 20.9-16.

Mexican Dollars.

Market Rate... Tls. 74.0875

Dragon Dollars.

Native Bank.

Rate ... 73.8875

Copper Cash ... per Tls. 1.750

Shanghai Gold Bars \$hai Tls.

Bar Silver ... Tls.

Native Interest...

Sovereigns: Bks.

Buying rate ... 6.84 \$9.15

## Growth of Light Railways in Japan.

Since the enforcement of the Light Railway Law, there has been a marked increase in the construction of that useful means of traffic. In October there were 133 applications for charters, with an aggregate mileage of 1,838 and a capital of \$5,317,390 yen. Since the adoption of the Law charters granted for the construction of these lines have numbered over 100, with a total mileage of 2,814 and an aggregate capital of 124,908,150 yen. Adding to these the lines that have recently applied for charters, the total mileage will reach over 4,652, with an aggregate capital of over 220,225,500 yen. When all these lines are completed, communication in the interior of the country will be greatly facilitated, and as a result more passengers and freight will be brought to the State trunk lines, to the benefit of both the light railways and the Government lines.

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Hongkong, 18th Dec., 1912.

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7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 15 min.

8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. " 10 min.

10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. " 15 min.

11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m. " 15 min.

12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m. " 10 min.

1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m. " 15 min.

1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m. " 10 min.

2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. " 15 min.

5.00 p.m. to 8.10 p.m. " 10 min.

8.15 p.m. and

## ROUND THE SHOPS.

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MESSRS. WEISMANNS LTD., many aboard in medieval England. It has, without doubt, become an institution, and Messrs. Weismanns have recognised this by calling attention to the fact that they can supply them of all sizes. As there is character in a plum pudding, so there is in Messrs. Weismann's display, and of a high standard. Of confectionery, too, this firm offers a good selection, coverings wide range in sizes and makes, whose names it would be invidious to mention, while the chocolates etc. beloved of children are exhibited in profusion.

## DRAGON CYCLE COMPANY.

Though people do not commonly buy motor cars for Christmas presents, yet it is not extraordinary for a motor car to be engaged to take a party for run either before or after, or, indeed, from breakfast time any morning, for a spin along the roads of the Colony. The Dragon Cycle Company have numerous cars, all easy running and speedy, under the control of experienced drivers. This company possesses the agency for the Overland Car, the 1913 model being at the disposal of intending purchasers free. The car must be tried before the qualities of it can be realised and the management solicits the favour of motorists or intending motorists.

## MESSRS WARREN &amp; CO.

There is nothing like a comfortable house to spend Christmas in, and, if anything needs to be done in the home to make everything run smoothly, Messrs. Warren and Co. are the people to do it. Stoves for cooking, for example, do not always do what they are supposed to perform when it comes to preparing the Christmas dinner. Consequently the safe plan is to have the stove overhauled and put right. Or perhaps the husband is desirous of making his wife's drawing room look better, and nothing a rule pleases a true woman more. A new fender or a set of brasses is just the thing and these can be had at Messrs. Warren and Co.'s. Another thing that is a joy for ever is the bathroom, if it is nicely kept. The firm of whom we speak have a good line of European-fashioned baths at reasonable prices, while all the other accessories in kind can be obtained.

## THE FRENCH STORE.

At the French Store in Queen's Road, there is a beautiful display of bon bouche, crackers and sweets which play such a prominent part after the Christmas dinner. Then there are the delicacies for which this establishment is noted, and which give one an appetite even to think of. The chocolates at the French Store cannot be beaten, and the toys on stock are well chosen and should give children great delight. The assistants are courteous and obliging, and a look round the shop should occupy a spare half hour pleasantly, and usefully. There is something here for every one.

## GRACA &amp; CO.

The display made by Messrs. Graca & Co. is a delightful and useful one. In this shop all that is required to make a Christmas tree enchanting can be obtained, and at reasonable prices. Many little hands will clasp with unrestrained delight when their owners see the big and beautiful teddy bears and dolls that there are in stock and on view. For those on the look out for Christmas cards and humorous post-cards, Messrs. Graca & Co. are the people. They have a wide assortment of these cards, as well as the more sentimental or richly-coloured ones. For the boys they have drums that will stand any amount of knocking about, and guns that will please without being dangerous. Adults, too, can find many things at this establishment that will prove useful.

## The M. M. ss Himalaya.

The Messageries Maritimes steamer "Himalaya," which was lying at the head and stern moorings off the Hongkong wharves, parted her chain about six feet, from the buoy on the morning of December 10 and swung ashore on the Pootung side. As the vessel was drawing more than 28 feet, she remained fast until the water rose, toward noon, when she was assisted off by two tugs and proceeded down river— "Slipping an Engineering".

## CALENDARS AND BLOTTERS.

We have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of some exceedingly tasteful calendars and blotters from various firms. Some of these are by way of being works of art and would adorn almost any wall.

Messrs. MacEwen, Frickel and Company have issued an exceedingly pretty calendar which embraces an excellent reproduction of a picture showing H.M.S. St. Vincent leaving Portsmouth Harbour, and the old Victory lying hard by.

The calendar issued by the Victoria Dispensary reproduces a remarkably fine female head study from the original of Shirley Fox.

The P. & O. issue a diary and almanack which is at once tasteful and useful. It is of handy pocket size and gives lists of sailings, maps of routes, and a wealth of statistical information.

Several almanacks have come to hand from insurance companies and are designed to be of particular use in offices. They have been received from the following: The Scottish Union and National Insurance Company and the Abbinio Assurance Company (Local Agents Messrs. Carlowitz & Co.); Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, Limited (Messrs. David Sassoon and Co. Ltd.); Patriotic Insurance Company (Messrs. John D. Hutchison & Co.); Lancashire Insurance Company, Ltd. (Messrs. Arnold, Karberg & Co.); the South British Fire and Marine Insurance Company Ltd.; the Commercial Union Assurance Company; and the London Assurance.

A calendar sent us by Messrs. Gande, Price and Co. depicts a pretty picture of Miss Ellen Terry in the rôle of Portia from "The Merchant of Venice." The date slips are plainly printed and easy to detach. The proprietors of the famous King George and D.C.L. Scotch Whiskies are the actual publishers of the calendar.

The almanack published by the manufacturers of the famous Three Castle Cigarettes and Tobacco can claim to be a real work of art since it includes four reproductions of famous etchings of Old English coaching scenes. Other almanacks have come to hand from F. C. Calvert and Co. of "Tooth Powder" fame; the Swedish East Asiatic Steamship Co., Ltd.; and the Fatum Accident Insurance Co.

## LOCAL SPORT.

## No Interport Rugby Match.

A cable has just been received from Shanghai to the effect that they will, after all, be unable to send a team down at Christmas. In view of the advanced stage of the arrangements to play, much disappointment is felt locally that this fixture will not take place.

The following have been selected to play for the Club v. the Navy in the Cup Match this afternoon:—Full back, T. E. S. Robson; three quarter backs B Chapman; H. S. Howes, V. M. Grayburn; F. Sutherland; half backs A. Claxton; J. Clark; forwards A. Murdoch; S. B. B. McElberry; A. F. Deane; H. G. Hegarty; T. J. Fisher; D. Walker; Chas. O. Stark; A. N. Other.

**Cricket.**  
Hongkong Cricket Club vs. United Services.—Play will commence at 2 p.m. on Christmas Day, and not at 12 Noon, as previously stated. On Boxing Day play will be continued at 10 a.m.

**Hongkong Cricket League.**  
Club. P. W. L. D. P. Craigenbow 6 4 1 1 13 Kowloon 4 4 — 12 Civil Service 4 2 1 1 7 Hongkong "B" 2 2 — 6 Staff & Dept. 4 — 2 2 2 Hongkong Police 4 — 3 1 1 Hongkong "A" 3 — 3 0 A Win - 3 points. A Draw - 1 point.

## The Atreus.

The s.s. Atreus reports that she made the trip from Shanghai to Hongkong in 54 hours. She experienced fresh N.E. monsoon, misty weather and rough sea.

## The Adamastor.

The Portuguese Consul is giving a dinner to-night at his residence to the officers of the Portuguese cruiser "Adamastor," prior to their departure from the Colony.

## POST OFFICE.

## MAILS ARRIVED TO-DAY.

Calcutta etc., s.s. Dilwara; Shanghai, s.s. Atreus; Vancouver, etc., s.s. Empress of India.

## MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London Dec. 5 Dec. 6 Due Shanghai Dec. 21 Dec. 23

## MAILS DUE.

American, Awa-maru, 22nd inst.

American, Luetzow 24th inst.

SIBERIAN MAIL—only a small portion of the mail from London of the 29th and 30th Nov. here been received.

The Awa Maru is expected to arrive here on Sunday the 22nd inst., with the American Mail ex Nile.

The Luetzow is expected to arrive here on Tuesday the 24th inst., with American Mail ex Mongolia.

## MAILS CLOSE.

Fort Bayard—Chongwa, 21st Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via —Per Dajian-maru, 22nd Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow and Siam—Per Landrat Schieff, 22nd Dec., 9 a.m.

Straits—Per Atreus, 23rd Dec., 11 a.m.

Straits and Ceylon—Per Wakamaru, 23rd Dec., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 23rd Dec., 1.15.

Shanghai and North China—Per Kingsing, 23rd Dec., 2 p.m.

Sandakan—Per Mausang, 23rd Dec., 2 p.m.

Tsingtao,—Cihaiwoi and Chofoo—Per Hangchow, 23rd Dec., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Huiyang, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China (Europe via Siberia)—Per Koonshing, 23rd Dec., at 5 p.m.

Haiphong and Pakhoi—Per Singan, 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

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Straits, India via Calcutta—Po-Namsang, 24th Dec., 1 p.m.

Macao—Per Sui Tai, 24th Dec., 1.15.

Philippine Islands—Per Kueichow, 24th Dec., 3 p.m.

Tsingtao, Weihaiwei and Ceylon—Per Hangchow, 24th Dec., 3 p.m.

Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya—Per Ningpo, 24th Dec., 4 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Yinggang, 24th Dec., 5 p.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 24th Dec., 5 p.m.

Straits, Burmah, Ceylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Naples—Per Lutzow, 24th Dec., 6 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Anping—Per Soshu Maru, 24th Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe—Per Dilwara, 26th Dec., 11 a.m.

Japan via Nagasaki Victoria and Tacoma—Per Tacoma, 26th Dec., noon.

Shanghai and North China—Per Chanian, 26th Dec., 3 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Aching, 26th Dec., 5 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per Zafiro, 27th Dec., 3 p.m.

Philippine Islands, Yap, Arnon, Fred, Wilhelmsfalen, Rabaul, Herbertshoek, Mutupi, Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand via Brisbane—Per Prinz Waldemar, 28th Dec., 8 a.m.

Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya and Macassar—Per Tjilatjap, 31st Dec., 10 a.m.

Philippines—Per Loongsang, 28th Dec., 1 p.m.

Saigon, Straits, Caylon, Adelaide, Western Australia, India, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—Per Ernest Simons, 28th Dec., 5 p.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per Lunan, 28th Dec., 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haitan, 30th Dec., 5 p.m.

Philippines, Australia and New Zealand via Darwin—Per St. Albans, 4th Jan., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China—Per Japan, via Nagasaki, United States, South America and Canada via Vancouver—Per Empress of India, 10th Jan., 6 p.m.

Siberia Mail.

## SHIPPING NEWS.

## ARRIVED.

Armenia, Gen. s.s. 3,386, Eckhorn, 20th Dec.—Singapore, Gen.—H. A. L. Tacoma Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,000, T. Hamada, 20th Dec.—O. S. K.

Wakasa Maru, Jap. s.s. 3,623, N. Nielsan, 20th Dec.—N. Y. K.

Kobe 13th Dec., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Tjilatjap, Dutch s.s. 2,470, Lop, 20th Dec.—Moj—J. C. L.

Atreus, Br. s.s. 4,290, R. C. Thompson, 20th Dec.—Shanghai 18th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Toan, Br. s.s. 1,374, A. W. Outerbridge, 20th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Hongkong, Br. s.s. 999, G. Morse, 20th Dec.—Chefoo 14th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Singan, Br. s.s. 1,047, Robinson, 20th Dec.—Haiphong and Pakhoi 18th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Tean, Br. s.s. 1,374, A. W. Outerbridge, 20th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Hungchow, Br. s.s. 999, G. Morse, 20th Dec.—Tashiro 21st Dec.—Swatow 20th Dec., Gen.—O. S. K.

Halvard, Nor. s.s. 1,096, C. Andersen, 21st Dec.—Bangkok and Holhov 20th Dec., Gen.—Chinese.

Empress of India, Br. s.s. 5,940, A. Hailey, 21st Dec.—Vancouver, B.C., 28th Nov., Mail & Gen.—C. P. R. Co.

Dilwara, Br. s.s. 3,460, W. J. Bishop, 21st Dec.—Singapore 15th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Wingsang, Br. s.s. 1,517, Lishman, 21st Dec.—Chinkiang 20th Dec., Gen.—J. M. & Co.

Anhui, Br. s.s. I. 350, Harris, 21st Dec.—Canton 20th Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Dec. 20.

Lyeemon, for Saigon.

Chiyo-maru, for San Francisco.

Uarg, for Hongkong.

Armenia, for Shanghai.

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Landrat Schieff, for Swatow.

Daiya-maru, for Wakamatsu.

Yuensang, for Manila.

Dagny, for Bangkok.

Tjilatjap, for Batavia.

Tungwah, for Shanghai.

Penlawers, for Yokohama.

Liangchow, for Shanghai.

Haimun, for Swatow.

Upada, for Yokohama.

Tjilatjap, for Batavia.

Tungwah, for Shanghai.

Liugang, for Shanghai.

Kungsang, for Moji.

Armenia, for Shanghai.

PASSNGERS ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Singan, arrived 20th inst., from Haiphong, &c. — Sofiello, P.

Per s.s. Dilwara, arrived